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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY ON BUGGING AFFAIR

REF: STATE 97540

1. ON MORNING OF APRIL 17, THE KOREAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS RELEASED A STATEMENT ON THE USG'S RESPONSE TO ITS  
REQUESTS FOR EXPLANATION OF THE ALLEGED BUGGING OF THE BLUE  
HOUSE. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

PRESS RELEASE.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.  
APRIL 17, 1978.

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WITH REGARD TO THE SO-CALLED "BUGGING" STATEMENT MADE BY  
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO KOREA PORTER IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE  
UNITED STATES CBS-TV ON APRIL 3, THE GOVERNMENT (HOLDING  
THAT), IF THE BUGGING OF THE BLUE HOUSE WERE A FACT, IT  
WOULD BE A SERIOUS INFRINGEMENT ON (OUR) SOVEREIGNTY, MADE  
A SOLEMN PROTEST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
AND FORCEFULLY REQUESTED OF IT A SINCERE EXPLANATION OF

FORMER AMBASSADOR PORTER'S STATEMENT WHICH OUR CITIZENS  
WOULD UNDERSTAND.

IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO KOREA  
SNEIDER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERN-  
MENT, FIRST, ON APRIL 6, ORALLY EXPLAINED THE POSITION OF  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FORMALLY DENYING THE ABOVE  
MENTIONED "BUGGING", AND AGAIN ON APRIL 14 INFORMED THE  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN WRITING OF THE POSITION  
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

IN THIS LETTER, AMBASSADOR SNEIDER AGAIN EXPLAINED  
THAT NO UNITED STATES AGENCY HAD EVER BUGGED THE BLUE  
HOUSE AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF THE UNITED  
STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, AND IN HIS CAPACITY AS A  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT, EXPRESSED HIS  
REGRET FOR THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BY A STATEMENT OF A FORMER UNITED  
STATES OFFICIAL. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: YI MUN-YONG, ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR  
POLITICAL AFFAIRS, FOREIGN MINISTRY, CALLED DCM STERN  
MONDAY MORNING TO EXPLAIN THAT, AS FAR AS MINISTRY WAS  
CONCERNED, THIS ENDED THE MATTER.  
SNEIDER

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